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Transportation Security Administration's Port Security Grants for Critical National Seaports/Terminals

Today, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced the second Port Security Grants Program to finance security enhancements at critical national seaports and terminals. The total funding is approximately \$105 million.

All grant applications will be submitted and evaluated electronically. Grants will be awarded in May 2003. The web site is: www.portsecuritygrants.dottsa.net. The application period ends on 27 February 2003. Please refer to "frequently asked questions" (FAQ) in the above website for more detailed information.

Grant applications will be accepted for two categories:

Security Assessments and Mitigation Strategies (Category I) – Award based on proposed security assessments that ascertain vulnerabilities of physical or operational security of a port, multiple terminals, terminal, or vessel (commuter or ferry service) and identify mitigation strategies.

Enhanced Facility and Operational Security (Category II) – Including but not limited to facility/terminal/vessel (commuter or ferry service) access control, physical security, cargo security and passenger security. Consideration will also be given to proof-of-concept projects which can demonstrate how security would be improved/enhanced by their implementation..

Grants will be awarded based on consideration of the most urgent needs from a homeland security perspective. A broad agency announcement providing details about the program is being published in FedBizOpps, <http://www.fedbizopps.gov>.

Additional updates will be provided as more information becomes available. If you have any questions, please contact LCDR Han Kim at (713)671-5186 or 5133.

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